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(Signature of person mailing paper)

WHEREAS, C. Steven McDaniel, Frank M. Raushel, and James R. Wild (hereinafter referred to as "INVENTORS") have developed and disclosed to The Texas A&M University System (hereinafter referred to as "SYSTEM") an invention entitled, "Recombinant Organophosphorus Acid Anhydrase" (TAMUS Disclosure No. 372) which is the subject of U.S. Patent Application No.08/252,384; and

WHEREAS, said invention pertains to the recombinant production in engineered microorganisms of an enzyme useful in degrading organophosphorus compounds; and

WHEREAS, the INVENTORS have requested that the SYSTEM release to them all rights which are owned by the SYSTEM relating to the technology; and

WHEREAS, the SYSTEM has reviewed the circumstances pertaining to the creation, patentability and commercial potential of the technology and has determined that a release of rights to the INVENTORS (in accordance with the terms set forth below) is in the SYSTEMS' and public's best interest;

NOW THEREFORE, the SYSTEM and the INVENTORS hereby do mutually agree as follows:

- With the exception of the reservation in paragraph 6 below, the SYSTEM hereby releases and assigns to the INVENTORS all rights which it owns relating to the described invention and patent application.
- As consideration for such release, the SYSTEM and the INVENTORS agree that first revenues received in commercialization of the 2. invention shall be applied to the reimbursement of TAMUS' documented patent expenses, if any, before any other distributions of such funds is made
- 3. As additional consideration for such release, the SYSTEM shall receive from the INVENTORS 10% (ten percent) of all subsequent revenues which may accrue to the INVENTORS from their efforts to commercialize the invention.
- The SYSTEM and the INVENTORS agree that from the date of execution of this agreement, expenses related to patenting, licensing and protection of patent rights shall be borne by the INVENTORS.
- 5. The INVENTORS agree that they shall inform the SYSTEM upon the occurrence of the following events: (a) U.S. patent issued for the invention, and (b) first revenues received in commercialization of the invention.
- The SYSTEM hereby reserves an irrevocable, nonexclusive, nontransferable, royalty-free right to the described invention for research and education purposes only, and not for commercial purposes.

This Agreement shall be governed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

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Accepted By: C. Steven McDaniel. Inventor 332.36.9278

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